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TAGS: MARR, MASS, MILI, PFOR, MA, US, UR, FR
SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF MIGS TO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
MADAGASCAR (DRM)

REF: ANTANANARIVO 1347

1. SUMMARY. DRM DOES NOT REPEAT NOT APPARENTLY INTEND TO
ACQUIRE SOVIET MIGS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN COURSE OF INDONESIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AUGUST 17,
LCOL R. MICHEL RAKOTOBÉ, COMMANDER OF THE MALAGASY AERONAVAL
FORCES, SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH DATT ABOUT DRM RELATIONS WITH
THE USSR, FRANCE, AND THE US, AND PLANS FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF MILITARY MATERIEL, NOTABLY AIRCRAFT.

3. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, RAKOTOBÉ PREVIOUSLY HAD VOLUNTEERED
TO DATT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN BRINGING CONSIDERABLE
PRESSURE TO BEAR ON PRESUMABLY PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA TO "ACCEPT"
TWELVE MIG-21 AIRCRAFT. RAKOTOBÉ NOW REPORTS THAT THE
CONDITIONS THE SOVIETS ATTACHED TO THIS DEAL WERE UNACCEPTABLE
AND THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN DROPPED: DIEGO SUAREZ
REPORTEDLY FIGURED HEAVILY IN WHAT THE SOVIETS WERE
REQUESTING AS COMPENSATION.
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4. RAKOTOBÉ REPORTS THAT THE PLAN NOW IS FOR THE DRM TO
ACQUIRE FIVE AN-26 TRANSPORTS, ONE YAK-40 AS A VIP TRANS-
PORT, AND THE ALREADY-NEGOTIATED THREE MI-8 HELICOPTERS,
IN ADDITION TO THE TWO LOCKHEED HERCULES. WHEN ASKED
SPECIFICALLY IF HE BELIEVES THAT THE DRM INTENDS TO
PURCHASE THE TWO HERCULES, HE SAID HE BELIEVES IT IS THE

PRESIDENT'S INTENTION BUT THAT THERE ARE MANY OPPONENTS OF THE DEAL, NOTABLY THE SOVIETS AND THE FRENCH, NOT TO MENTION A NUMBER OF WELL-PLACED DRM OFFICIALS. (THIS COULD EXPLAIN THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN ASSEMBLING THE MALAGASY DELEGATION WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BEGIN ORIENTATION BRIEFINGS AT LOCKHEED GEORGIA AUGUST 23.)

5. RAKOTBE ADMITS THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE IN THE AERONAVAL FORCES HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON THESE ACQUISITIONS. BARRETT

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